

"BLIND PREJUDICE"

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King Ahasuerus (ruler over Persia and 127 other Provinces) returns from a victorious battle. He ordered his minister, Haman, to divide among the people the spoils of victory, and instructed his High Priest to prepare a feast of thanksgiving to their God "Baal".

In those days there lived in Susan a great Jew named Mordecai, who would not bow down before the mighty Haman; therefore Haman was possessed of hatred and malice toward him. Haman, who was a confidant of Queen Vashti, Ahasuerus' wife, persuaded her to raise her voice to the king and ask of him, that all Jews be ordered to worship Baal. The king, however, did not heed her demand, and at the feast prepared in his honor and in the honor of Baal, seemed dejected and sad, and one of his ministers begged of him to send for Vashti, that she may appear before him and please his royal desires. But Vashti refused to come before him at his command, unless her request for the Jews to worship Baal was granted.

Insult burning in his heart at her refusal to come before him, he called upon his scribes and ordered them to proclaim broadcast to all peoples of his kingdom, that Vashti shall no more be his queen, and that she be banished from his kingdom. The proclamation also ordered brought before him all the fair virgins of his kingdom so that he might choose one better and more beautiful than Vashti to serve as his queen.

When Vashti heard of this, she formulated a plan with Haman, whereby she would take revenge upon the king, saying "Why is Haman servant when he can be king?".

The most pleasing maiden brought before the king was Esther, a Jewish orphan and foster-daughter of Mordecai. And the king placed upon her head the golden crown, and all those gathered bowed down before her as queen.

A messenger from Vashti came to Haman. He was a deaf mute and chosen for the mission because he could never tell of the secret message. Haman understood, had his hair shaved from his head. And there appeared written upon his skull the message, that Vashti had hired murderers to kill the king and place Haman upon the throne.

And Haman showed his gratitude by having the head that bore the message cut off. It happened that Mordecai discovered the plot and found a way to shoot an arrow into the bedchamber of the king as a warning, and with the aid of one of his young followers, succeeded in killing the murderers before they could lay hands on the king, although in so doing, the young Jew who helped Mordecai, paid with his own life.

Haman again cleverly deceived the king and made him see that the attack upon his life was instigated by the Jews, inasmuch as the young Jew was found dead on the steps of the palace, and the writing on the arrow was written in Jewish characters. So Haman had the king issue an order to the effect that all Jews were to be destroyed in one day.

Mordecai hearing what terrible deception had been forced upon his people, prayed to God for mercy.

He called for Esther and told her what she was to do in order to save her people, and she showed him the arrow and told him that it was Mordecai, the Jew, who warned him against the attempted assassination. The king called Haman and said to him, "Let the royal

apparel be brought which the king useth, and the horse that the king rideth upon, and the royal crown which is set upon his head. And let this apparel and the horse be delivered to the hands of one of the king's most noble princes, that they may array the man withal, and bring him on horseback through the streets of the city and proclaim before him, "Thus shall it be done to the man whom the king delighth to honor."

Meanwhile Esther called upon the maids to dress her in the royal robes, went to the palace of the king and asked him and Haman to do her the honor of being her guests at a meal she had prepared for them. And the king and Haman came and partook of the wine and then a covered platter was brought to them, and when the king removed the cover he beheld upon the tray the head of the slain messenger and he read the secret message.

The king realized Haman's intrigue and ordered him beheaded before the eyes of all the people. Vashti, over the headless body of Haman, again denounces the king and Esther and all the jews, and she was also ordered executed by being crushed to death under the steel shields of the soldiers. *** And it came to pass that Mordecai replaced Haman as First Minister to the King of all Persia.

INSERTS

(PROCLAMATION)

1. And the King's decree shall be published throughout all his Empire that Vashti the Queen come no more before Ahasuerus the King and that her Royal estate be taken from her and given unto another that is better than she.

2. Let young women be brought for the King, Virgins and beautiful, and put them into the house of the women under the care of Egeus, the eunuch, and let them receive women's ornaments, and other things necessary for their use. And whosoever among them all shall please the King's eyes, let her be queen instead of Vashti.

3. We have commanded that all whom Haman shall mark out, who is Chief over all the provinces, and second after the King, shall be utterly destroyed by their enemies, with their wives and children, and that none shall have pity on them, on the fourteenth day of the twelfth month Adar of this present year.

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LIST OF TITLES.

1. Regal Corporation of America, Inc.

Presents

2. "BLIND PREJUDICE"

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"THE BOOK OF ESTHER" ✓

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7. PREJUDICE, since time immemorial has been the weapon of the ignorant and bigoted, especially applied to our different religious creeds in the early days of life on Earth's planet, where both God and Idols were worshipped.

8. The unfoldment of this story proves the triumph of the JUST, which is the inevitable outcome of all conflicts.

9. King Ahasuerus, who reigned over a hundred and twenty seven provinces extending from India to Ethiopia, returns to Susan, the Capital of his kingdom to celebrate his victory, in the Temple of Baal.

10. Queen Vashti prepares to receive her share of the spoils

11. Haman -- Second to the King. The enemy of the Jews, ingratiating himself with the populace

12. A Jew who dwelt in the city of Susan, a great man named Mordecai, of the race of Jemini

13. Esther, niece of Mordecai, an orphan whom
he had adopted as his own daughter
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14. The King and his Chamberlains prepare for the
ceremony in the Temple of Baal
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15. Haman and the High Priest hold counsel with
the Queen
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16. A Jewess and loyal to her race
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17. "The Jews mock Baal and will not bow before
his image"
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18. "This Jew, Mordecai, has refused to bend his
knee and worship me, therefore if it please
the King, let him grant thy request and give
commandment to all Jews to worship Baal"
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19. "My petition and request is this: If it please
the King, let him give commandment to all Jews
to worship Baal"
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20. "I shall not endeavour to oppress my subjects.
Every man shall serve the God of his pleasure"
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21. "Let thy voice be raised in the Temple of
Baal and let thy request be known to all"
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22. "I requested his Majesty, King Ahasuerus, to command the Jews to worship our God, Baal. He refuses what I know to be the wish of his subjects. I appeal to you to demand of him the execution of my petition!"

23. "Have you thus taught the Queen?"

24. King Ahasuerus invited all the people of Susan to his feast that he might show the riches and glory of his kingdom and pomp of his power

25. Queen Vashti awaits her summons to appear before the King

26. Mordecai and his oppressed people, not being invited to the feast, celebrate the King's victory in their humble way

27. "Thou doest hide thy face O King, and will not look upon the feast made unto thee"

28. "Let thine heart be softened toward Vashti the Queen"

29. "Give peace unto the King Ahasuerus and unto Vashti the Queen"

30. "The King relents and desires your presence at the feast"

31. "Let Ahasuerus the King first grant my request and let there go a Royal commandment from him that all Jews shall sacrifice to Baal and honour him with many honours".

32. "Woman, thou darrest much!"

33. "Queen Vashti refuses unless her request is granted.

34. "What sentence ought to pass upon Vashti the Queen, who has refused to obey the commandment of your King?"

35. "Queen Vashti has not only injured the King, but also all the people, If it please thee, let an edict go out from thy presence and let it be written according to the law of the Persians and of the Medes, which must not be altered, that Vashti come no more to the King, but another be made queen in her place"

36. "Haman and Vashti are plotting to force the King to command all the Jews to worship in the Temple of Baal"

37. "Let the commandment go forth unto the King's Lieutenants and to the Governors over every province and to the Rulers of every people according to the writing thereof, and to every people after their language"

38. The commandment is written in all languages

39. "Why is Haman servant, when he could be King?"

40. The Proclamation goes forth

41.

VIRGINS

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Young and Beautiful

42.

"The King must have a beautiful Queen, so
I am going to sacrifice you"

43.

"The writing written in the King's name and
sealed with the King's ring will protect us
from our enemies, therefore let us send to
him the fairest maiden of the people of
Israel, to find grace in his eyes"

44.

They inform Mordecai that Esther is their
choice

45.

"For the sake of your people you must present
yourself to the King. Be careful thy race is
not known"

46.

"And if it be the voice of God that thou
shalt find favour in the eyes of Ahasuerus the
King, then shall thine hand hold the fate
of thy people"

47.

Preparation of the Virgins before their
presentation to the King

48.

"Care has been taken O Queen, that none
more beautiful than Vashti shall come
before the eyes of the King"

49.

"O Lord, Lord, Almighty King, for all things
are in thy power, and there is none that
can resist thy will, if thou determine to
save Israel"

50.

"I present this fair jewel, this mother
of pearl, as a priceless gift to my King"

51. "Boil that face in oil!"

52. "And beat him on the soles of his feet
with swords"

53. After due preparation, the Virgins are
presented to the King

54. "Keep this maiden out. She would not
find favour with the King"

55. "Esther has been chosen Queen"

56. And the King loved Esther above all women

57. "A mute messenger with important tidings
from Vashti awaits you"

58. "A way must be found to destroy Mordecai.
He is our greatest enemy"

59. (ON HEAD)

I have won the King's Chamberlain who serves
him in person to slay the King while he sleeps.
Get ready O Haman to sit upon his throne.

60. "Let the good servant be rewarded according
to his deeds"

61. "Have his head buried near the east wall
of the City"

62. FLASH #59 - MESSAGE ON HEAD

63. "He is hidden in the house of Mordecai,
the Jew"

64. "The King is just and good -- his life must be
preserved at all cost"

65. "For the sake of Esther"

66. Mordecai determines to save the King's
life at the risk of his own

67. The Assassins

68. (ON ARROW)

Let this arrow be as a sign unto thee:
The life of Ahasuerus the King is in
danger

69. Haman has his assassins removed to
convince the King of the Jews' treachery

70. "The one dead body O King, gives proof
of thine enemies"

71. "It was one of the people of Israel"

72. "The warning on this arrow bears the
writing of the Jews"

73. Destruction of the Jews decreed

74. "There is a people scattered through all the provinces of thy kingdom who despise the King's ordinances, and thou knowest that it is not expedient to allow them to grow insolent with impunity. If it please thee, decree that they may be destroyed, and I will pay ten thousand talents to thy treasurers"

75. "As to the money, keep it for thyself; and as to the people, do with them as seemeth good to thee"

76. Esther learns of the decree

77. "Go to Mordecai and apprise him of the great danger that threatens our people"

78. "Haman promises to pay money into the King's treasurer to kill and destroy all the Jews, both young and old, little children, and women, in one day, and to pillage their goods"

79. "Tell Esther to remember the days of her low estate -- how she was brought up by my hand -- to think not of saving her own life by holding her peace, for the Jews shall be delivered. For who knows but that she has come to the kingdom to be ready in such a time as this!"

80. "Should Esther's influence fail with the King, I have knowledge of Haman's duplicity sufficient to overthrow him!"

81. "O Lord, Lord, Almighty King, thou hast made Heaven and Earth, and all things. Thou knowest that it was not out of pride and contempt or any desire of glory, that I refused to worship the proud Haman, for I would willingly and readily for the salvation of Israel have kissed even the steps of his feet"

82. "But I feared lest I should transfer the honour of my God to a man"

83. "O Lord, shut not the mouths of them that sing of Thee"

84. "I hear the voice of Mordecai"

85. "Tell Mordecai to gather all the Jews in Susan and pray for me. Neither eat nor drink for three days and three nights, I will fast in like manner; then I will go to the King and expose myself to danger and death to save my people"

86. "Tell Esther to prepare feast for the King and Haman, and trust Mordecai to reveal our loyalty to the King"

87. "I will go unto the King ---"

88. "---who will attend me?"

89. "Death, O Queen, is the punishment for entering the King's inner court unbidden, except the King shall hold out the GOLDEN SCEPTRE, in token of clemency"

90. Death hanging over their heads, the Jews
weep and pray

91. "Let us defend ourselves! "

92. "If the Lord has covered His face before
us, how canst thou help us?"

93. "Fear not Esther, this law is not made for
thee. Come near and touch the sceptre"

94. "What is thy request, Queen Esther? If
thou ask the half of my kingdom, thou shalt
have it"

95. "If it please the King, my request is for
thee and Haman to come to the banquet which
I have prepared. Then I will open my mind to
the King"

96. Esther counsels with the King

97. "What honour has been done for the man
who warned the King?"

98. "Mordecai"

99. "What is Mordecai to thee, Esther?"

100. "I am the niece and adopted daughter of
Mordecai"

101. Vashti returns to the Temple to consult
with the High Priest

102. "Command Haman to appear before m2!"

103. "Order a great beam to be prepared fifty
cubits high, and hang Mordecai upon it"

104. "What ought to be done to the man whom
the King is desirous to honour?"

105. "He ought to be clothed with the King's
apparel, set upon the horse that the King
rideth, and let the first of the King's
princes hold his horse, and going through
the street of the city proclaim before him
and say: Thus shall he be honoured, whom
the King hath a mind to honour"

106. "Make haste and do as thou has spoken to
Mordecai, the Jew"

107. "Esther being of the race of Israel must
perish according to the King's edict"

108. "Thus is done to the man whom the King
delighteth to honour"

109. The triumph of Mordecai

110. The triumph of the JUST

111. (ON HEAD)

I have won the King's Chamberlain who serves
him in person TO SLAY THE KING WHILE HE SLEEPS.
Get ready O HAMAN to sit upon his throne.

112. "Kill not Haman!"

113. "Put away the arms, the King will see
him alive!"

114. "Write you to the Jews, as it pleaseth
you, in the King's name, and seal the
letters with my ring"

115. "Let Haman be judged in the sight of
all the people"

116. JUDGMENT

117. "Do unto this woman according to her deeds"

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